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1. THE GOT HAS JUST ANNOUNCED SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN SUPPORT PRICES FOR SOME AGRICULTURAL CROPS. PRICES TO BE PAID FOR COTTON ROSE 27.9 TO 29.2 PERCENT OVER LAST YEAR'S LEVEL. RAISIN AND DRIED FIG PRICES WERE INCREASED 45.8 PERCENT AND 31.3 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY. SUPPORT PRICES FOR TOBACCO AND GRAINS WENT UP 14 PERCENT. PISTACHIO NUTS, FOR WHICH NO SUPPORT PRICE WAS ANNOUNCED DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, ARE NCLUDED AGAIN THIS YEAR IN THE GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT PROGRAM. THE PISTACHIO SUPPORT PRICE WAS RAISED 108 PERCENT OVER THE 1975 LEVEL OF TL 26.50 PER KILOGRAM.

2. THE NEW PRICES FOLLOW:
SEED COTTON: AEGEAN TL 13.75 PER KILOGRAM
ANTALYA TL 13.75 PER KILOGRAM
CUKUROVA TL 13.25 PER KILOGRAM
SEEDLESS RAISINS, NO. 9: TL 17.50 PER KILOGRAM
DRIED FIGS, TYPE 6 A: TL 10.50 PER KILOGRAM
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PISTACHIO NUTS, RED SKIN: TL 55.00 PER KILOGRAM

3. PRIVATE REPORTS ALSO INDICATE THAT THE SUGAR BEET PRICE, WHICH WAS TL 0.62, WILL BE INCREASED TO TL0.80 PER KILOGRAM.

4. WHILE THE PERCENTAGE INCREASES IN THESE SUPPORT PRICES ARE SUBSTANTIAL, THEY HAVE BEEN HELD TO LEVELS AT WHICH THE

COMMODITIES CAN STILL BE COMPETITIVE ABROAD WITHOUT EXPORT SUBSIDIES.

5. THE INTERNATIONAL PRICE FOR RASINS, AROUND \$1,000 PER TON, IS, IN FACT, WELL ABOVE THE COST OF PACKED RAISINS IN TURKEY. EXPORTERS, THEREFORE, ARE LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED TO TURN OVER TO THE GOVERNMENT SOME PORTION OF THIS DIFFERENCE. THE EXISTENCE OF THIS DIFFERENTIAL GIVES THE GOVERNMENT SOME FLEXIBILITY TO LOWER RAISIN EXPORT PRICES TO INCREASE TURKISH COMPETITIVENESS ABROAD.

6. NEVERTHELESS, THE HEFTY INCREASE IN SUPPORT PRICES IMPOSES A BURDEN ON THE TURKISH TREASURY AND CONTRIBUTES TO THE MAINTENANCE OF A HIGH RATE OF INFLATION IN TURKEY. CONTRARY TO ITS BETTER ECONOMIC JUDGMENT, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACTED UPON THE POLITICAL FACT THAT SEVERAL MILLION PEOPLE ARE ENGAGED IN PRODUCING THESE COMMODITIES.

7. THE GOVERNMENT DID, HOWEVER, SHOW COURAGE IN SETTING THE SUPPORT PRICES BELOW WHAT PRODUCERS WERE DEMANDING. OTTON PRODUCERS ARE GETTING TL 5 PER KILOGRAM LESS THAN THEY ASKED FOR AND PRODUCERS OF RAISINS AND DRIED FIGS ARE NOT PLEASED. DILLON

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